James Earl
Elizabeth Swane

Novemb. 9th 1702

Cond Lord of this Manr James Earl and Elizabeth Swane within named Two of the Witnesses hereunto subscribed did make Oath that they saw the within named Matthias Matthewson Sign Seal and that this Writing is his Last Will and Testament and that they believe he was Elizabeth Rooms Signe as an Evidence to the same

Juratt Coram me
Jacob Lodderman Jun.r Deputy Steward

11 Sheets

In the Name of God Amen the Twenty Seventh Day of September Anno Dni One Thousand Seven Hundred and one I Matthias Matthewson als Freeman of Cecil County in the Province of Maryland In health being God be Praised and perfect memory Thanks be to Almighty God and calling to remembrance the uncertainty of this Transitory Life do make Constitute and declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner and forme following Revoking and annulling hereby all and every former Testament and Will heretofore by me made and declared either by word or writing and this to be taken only for my Last Will and Testament and first being sorry for my Sins I give and Commit my Soul unto Almighty God and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in Christ Church Yard hereafter named Also I think fitt and appoint and for the Settling and disposing of my Temporall Estate wherewith God hath been pleased to bless me I do ordain and dispose of the same in manner and forme following that is to say first I will that all my Debts and Duties that Equity and Law ought to call or any person or persons whatsoever shall be well and truly paid and satisfied by my Executrix hereafter named within Convenient time after my decease — Item I give and bequeath to my Sd Daughter Matthias my now dwelling Plantation and also a piece of Land called the Forke adjoyning to my said dwelling Plantation and also one Servant Item I give and bequeath unto my Eldest Daughter Mary Matthias five Years of my Servants Indented Servants — Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Matthias one Servant Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Matthias one Servant all the rest and residue of my Temporall Estate my Debts and Legacies being first paid and satisfied during the time of her natural life and afterwards to my Son in Law aforesaid

(and)

and of this my will and Testament do make and ordaine the said Mary Matthewson Executrix Item It is my will and pleasure that my said Son in Law Matthias Matthewson live with the Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and have the Tuition of my Children and likewise my two Daughters Mary and Elizabeth aforesaid to be at their own disposall at the age of fifteen and In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seal the Day and year first above written

Matthias his III mark Matthewson

Signed and Delivered and declared and published by the said Matthias Matthewson to be his last will and Testament in the presence of

John Wellinger
Sam.l Sherbutt
Thos Savage

June 12th 1702
The Oath of John Wellinger Samuel Sherbutt and Thomas Moore who proved the above writt and Testament of Matthias Matthewson and then at the time of the signing and sealing thereof knew of Matthias Matthewson Deputy Steward

Sound and perfect mind

In the Name of God Amen I Sarah Griffith the Relict and Executrix of Thomas Griffith of Cecil County dead being weak in body but of perfect sense and memory thanks be to God for it do make this my Last will and Testament in manner and forme following viz.t — First principally I recommend my Soul unto Almighty God my Creator assuredly believeing that I shall receive pardon and free remission of all my Sins and be saved by the precious merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ for my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried in Christian like manner at my Executrix hereafter and touching such worldly Estate as the Lord in mercy hath lent me my will and meaning is that the same shall be given and disposed as hereafter by my will shall be expressed

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Ryan my now dwelling Plantation with all the Land thereunto belonging and my Negro Woman William Griffith but my will and meaning is that my Executrix shall have the use of the said Plantation to her own use during her natural life and after her decease the said Plantation with the Land thereunto belonging and the said Negro William Griffith to return to my Son Thomas Griffith and his Heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Sarah Fraye one Cow and Heifer and unto my Grandson Daniel Ryan one Cow and Heifer

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Fraye one Cow and Heifer and unto my Grand daughter Ealie Ryan one Heifer

Item I give unto my Grandson William Fraye two Ewe and Lambs two years old

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Griffith two Ewe Lambs

Item I give and bequeath unto my three Grandchildren viz.t Margaret Ryan